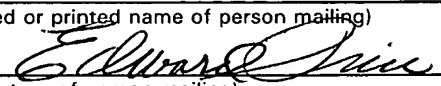


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named	)	<u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"</u>
Inventor: GAONKAR et al.	)	"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number
	)	<u>EV 323495529 US</u>
Filed: Herewith	)	Date of Deposit <u>April 16, 2004</u>
Title: MULTILAYER EDIBLE MOISTURE	)	I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited
BARRIER FOR FOOD PRODUCTS	)	with sufficient postage utilizing the United States
	)	Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee"
	)	Service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated
	)	above and is addressed to the Commissioner for
	)	Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
Attorney Docket No.: 77046	)	<u>Edward Price</u>
	)	(Typed or printed name of person mailing)
Customer No.: 22242)	
	)	(Signature of person mailing)
)	

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3)**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

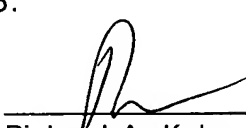
Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant(s) to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicant(s) do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

April 16, 2004

Date


Richard A. Kaba

Registration No. 30,562

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
120 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1600
Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406
Telephone: (312) 577-7000
Facsimile: (312) 577-7007